

proposals from U.S. businesses and industry-led joint ventures consisting of U.S. businesses, universities, governmental laboratories, and non-profit independent research organizations. The information provided through the proposal process is used to make funding decisions, and once funded, reports are required to monitor the progress of projects. Awardees may also be requested to participate in special economic studies.

II. Method of Collection

The proposal information is submitted in writing. The monitoring/case studies' reports are provided by various means, including in writing, orally (by telephone and during site visits), and electronically.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0693-0009.

Agency Form Number(s): NIST 1262 and NIST-1263.

Type of Review: Revision and extension for a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 925 annually.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20-30 hours for proposals and 1-3 hours for monitoring/case studies' reports.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 16,275.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0 (no capital expenditures required).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 5, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Title: User Evaluation of DARPA Communicator Systems.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden Hours: 120.

Number of Respondents: 160.
Average Hours Per Response: 5 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has provided funds to NIST to evaluate the DARPA Communicator implementations that have been built by research groups also funded by DARPA for that purpose. The evaluation is user-based and the users are paid research subjects. The subjects will fill out a user questionnaire that is intended to assess their user-satisfaction and subjective opinion about various aspects of each system that are being objectively measured. The information collected is intended to achieve three goals: (1) help implementors of Communicator programs to identify the successes and weaknesses of their implementations; (2) enable the research sponsor (DARPA) to identify and measure progress in order to assess the success of the program; and (3) advance the state of research knowledge about metrics and evaluation of task-based spoken dialogue systems.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202)

482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at lengelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: April 6, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Nepal

March 31, 2000.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 6, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for swing, special shift and carryover.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 64 FR 71982, published on December 22, 1999). Also